

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 5-6 are amended and claims 7-17 are canceled.

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's remark that the application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

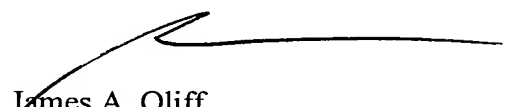
- A.** Claim 1, line 16, "the progress" should be "progress,"
- B.** Claim 5, line 15, "the progress" should be "progress,"
- C.** Claim 6, line 15, "the progress" should be "progress," and
- D.** Non-elected claims 7-17 should be canceled.

The Applicant has amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's recommendations.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-6 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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